President's assent to a Bill from Karnataka

2437. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sent the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) (Karnataka Amendment) Bill, 2002 for obtaining the assent of the President; and

(b) if so, what is the present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Bill is likely to be finalized shortly.

Assent to Karnataka Stamp Bill, 2003

2438. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sent the Karnataka Stamp Bill, 2003 for obtaining the assent of the President;

(b) if so, when the above Bill was sent for statutory clearance; and

(c) what is the present position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The Karnataka Stamp (Amendment) Bill, 2003, reserved by the Governor of Karnataka for consideration of the President, was received in Ministry of Home Affairs on 01.04.2003. Some observations of the Central Government on the Bill have been forwarded to the State Government of Karnataka for clarifications. The requisite clarifications are yet to be received.

Financial assistance to Tamil Nadu for safeguarding intrusion of foreigners

2439. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the 900 km. long Tamil Nadu coast is vulnerable due to the internal strike in Sri Lanka;